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EXAMINER:

FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TREATING WASTEWATER CONTAINING NITROGEN-CONTAINING DYES

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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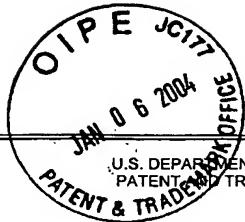
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